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1. Pakura-peat production is to be considerably intensified. Production at the Zalaegerszeg installation is being stepped-up to reach 1,500 tons a day, while a second installation is being built at Nagykapornák (4649 N, 1700 E), southeast of Zalaegerszeg, which is to produce 2,000 tons a day. 25X1
2. The new site of Nagykapornák was until recently used for agriculture, but the new buildings were expected to be completed, and the installation in working order, by 1 December 1954. Five narrow-gauge lines, totaling a length of 4.5 km. are being laid. The personnel are to live in railroad coaches, where the office will also be housed. The 10" oil pipe running from the Zalaegerszeg oilfield (southeast of the town and immediately north of Zalabesnyő) was to be extended to Nagykapornák by 15 December 1954 to provide the necessary oil. The peat is to be extracted from the bog lying west of Zalaszentmihály, where exploitation will start shortly. The new mixing installation was to begin operation on 1 December 1954. 25X1
3. As an indication of the importance attached to this project, innumerable officials of the Ministry of Transportation and Mail have been visiting Zalaegerszeg, including Jozsef Priessol, the Deputy Minister, and Herczeg, (fnu), Vice-President of the National Planning Office. Engineer Jenő Varga, Deputy Head of Department 7/A of the ministry, also the head of the State Railroads (MÁV) Superstructures Department, will remain at the site of the new installation until construction is completed. György Sárkösi, senior engineer of the Concrete Surfacing Undertaking, is personally responsible for having the construction work finished as scheduled.
4. The straits to which the authorities have been reduced by the coal shortage are shown by the fact that, whereas one ton of coal costs the MÁV on an average 180 forints, the peat mixture giving approximately the same efficiency costs 307 forints a ton.

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